

East Union Lutheran Church

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EAST UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Carver, Minnesota

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Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00 a.m.

Worship

with Holy Communion on 1st, 3rd,
and 5th Sundays

10:00 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School

November 2024

East Union Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Pastor Bryant's Office Hours: Mon—Wed 8:30am-Noon Darcy's Office Hours: Tues & Thurs 9am-2pm						2 10am Gathering Thru Fellowship
3 "Saints" 9am All Saints Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School 4-6pm Fall Swedish Meat-ball Dinner	4	5 10am Bible Study 7am-8pm Dahlgren Elections	6 8:30am Card Ministry 6:30pm Bible Study	7	8	9
10 "Generosity" 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Outreach Meeting 11am-3pm Parish Center reserved for Abrahams	11 Veterans Day 1pm Quilting Group	12 10am Bible Study	13 6:30pm Bible Study	14	15	16
17 "Signs" 9am Worship-Communion 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School	18 7pm Dahlgren Township Mtg	19 10am Bible Study 6:30pm Council Meeting	20 8:30am Card Ministry 6:30pm Bible Study	21	22	23
24 "Otherworldly" 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Sunday School	25 1pm Quilting Group 7pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship in Belle Plaine	26 10am Bible Study	27	28 Happy Thanksgiving!	29	30

Words from Pastor Bryant

Dear disciples,

“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.” – Psalm 118:1

The seasons may change, friends may come and go, the earth may swirl and move around us, life itself may be upended—but, in all of it, we give thanks. We give thanks to our God—our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ—for the gifts of grace and new life that uplift us and sustain us each and every day.

And in this season of giving thanks, I am thankful for you, dear reader. For you, the people of East Union. As I begin my tenth year of ministry I can say with confidence that there is something special and unique about our congregation.

There is a passion for service: you collect and gather food, school supplies, toiletries, and you give blood and pick up trash and pack food for hungry bellies. There is a great devotion to worship: you hold the traditions and rituals of faith close to your hearts and embrace the faith and life they give.

There is an unyielding drive to further strengthen the bonds of community. This is, I believe, is our greatest strength. Whether you’ve been here for generations, years, or weeks, you’re part of the community of faith that is East Union. You make that happen with your generosity, kindness, warm words of welcome, and invitations to come and see what Jesus is up to.

It is truly a joy to journey with you in ministry. Never discount the gifts you bring to bear. Never sell yourself short in your ability to make Christ known. Never discredit the very gifts that have been given to you by the Holy Spirit. Because it is through people like you (yes, you!) that Christ is made known to every single person that walks through our doors and a presence that is made known to folks far beyond them.

In this season of thanksgiving, I’m thankful for you. Thankful that God has placed you here for such a time as this: a time of service, generosity, and proclamation. Together, we make Christ known. Together, with the Holy Spirit in front and beside of us, we live out of faith for the sake of our neighbors.

Thank you, dear disciple. For it is thanks to you—thanks to our community of faith—that words of hope and peace and love, that the very presence of Jesus Christ, is being made known to all people!

Peace,

Pastor Bryant

November Theme

Our theme for this month is ***Upheaval***. Things are about to change for Jesus and the disciples--perhaps for us, as well. Proclaiming Christ crucified, being beacons of light and love, and uplifting the least of our brothers and sisters--well, that might cause a disturbance. In the midst of upheaval and a changing world, Jesus calls us to remain steady. For with his guiding presence, no storm will shake us!

Tuesday Bible Study

Bible Study continues every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. in the Parish Center. All are welcome!



Wednesday Bible Study

All are welcome to Wednesday Evening Bible Study, We are studying World Religions. Schedule is:

11/6/24 Bible Study

11/20/24 Bible Study

11/13/24 Bible Study

11/27/24 No Bible Study (Thanksgiving Break)

Sunday School

Classes are held for children ages 3 through grade 5 on Sundays from 10am-11am.

Schedule

11/3/24 Sunday School

11/17/24 Sunday School

11/10/24 No Sunday School

The Sunday School Christmas program practice will be during Sunday school on 11/24 and 12/08 with the program being during church on December 15th. It would be really helpful for Sunday school students to be present on those three dates. Thank you!

Gathering Thru Fellowship

We will gather on November 2nd at 10am in the Parish Center for a Make-N-Take. We will be making Autumn Wreaths. Free will donations are accepted to cover the cost of materials. All are welcome to visit or create, coffee will be on!



All Saints' Sunday



During worship on November 3rd we will give God thanks for these Saints:

- ◆ Errol Stai
- ◆ Beverly Anderson
- ◆ Lois Scott
- ◆ Peg Scott

Fall Swedish Meatball Dinner

Join us for our Swedish Meatball Dinner on November 3rd from 4-6pm. Homemade meatballs & gravy, potatoes, corn, & desserts will be served.



Card Ministry Team

The Card Ministry Team is here for anyone in need of Christ's love through a card. The Team will meet on November 6th & 20th at 8:30am.

Ecumenical Worship

The Community Thanksgiving worship will be held on Monday, November 25th at 7pm at First Presbyterian Church in Belle Plaine. All are welcome!



Toys for Tots

We are collecting toy donations for Toys for Tots. Please bring donations to the Parish Center. The deadline for toy collection is December 8th.

Sunday School Christmas Program & Potluck

The Sunday School Children will host their Annual Christmas Program on December 15th during worship. Everyone is welcome to stay for the potluck during Fellowship. Please bring a dish to share. We look forward to it!!

Christmas Eve Worship

We will celebrate Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on December 24th at 4:30pm.

Looking Into the Future:

- ◆ December 7th—Gathering Thru Fellowship
- ◆ December 15th—Sunday School Christmas Program & Potluck
- ◆ December 24th—Christmas Eve Worship @ 4:30pm
- ◆ January 26, 2025—Annual Congregational Meeting

Parsonage Task Force

We are looking for people who would like to join a task force to help us determine the best path forward for the parsonage. Please call the church office if you are interested.

Year End Committee Reports Deadline Upcoming

It's hard to believe that we are almost at the end of 2024. Just a quick reminder to all committee chairs that 2025 budgets are due to the finance committee by December 1 and year end committee reports will be due to the church office the first week of January to allow Darcy enough time to assemble the Annual Report.

Gustavus Guests

The Outreach Committee hosted members of the Gustavus College Teaching Staff on Saturday, October 19th. Mike & Kathy Coleman provided a historical tour of East Union. During fellowship, opportunities were discussed for future events between East Union and Gustavus.



Food Shelf Donations

Please remember our neighbors in need during the Holiday Season. There is a grocery cart in the Parish Center ready to accept donations for the local food shelves. Thank you for your donations!

Church Directory Update

We have approved the final proof. They are doing the final printing. We will keep you posted.

Thank You

Thank you to the East Union congregation for allowing our family to sell pumpkins this season! We have been growing and selling pumpkins for 18 years and since our road is under construction, we were unable to have our wagon at our house. Thanks again, we appreciate it!



~ Akerberg Family

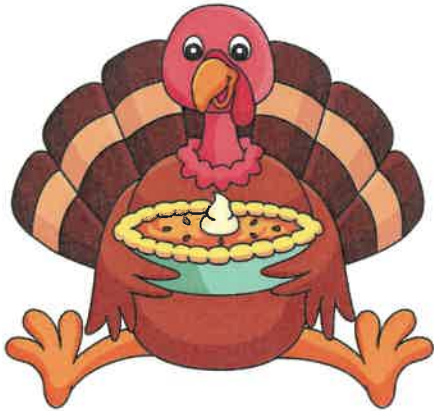
Events to Honor & Celebrate our Veterans!

1. Free Veterans & Friends Flag History Presentation. **Thursday, November 7, 10-11am, Chan REC Center**. Speaker David Jones presents: The United States Flag: Origins, Evolution and Symbolism. The history of the Flag reflects the history of our Nation itself. Coffee and snacks. **FREE!** Walk ins welcome!

2. Annual Veterans & Friends Pancake Breakfast and Speaker, **Friday, November 8, 9am-11am, Chan REC Center**. This annual pancake breakfast is always a hit, with veterans, friends and family! **Veterans eat FREE**; others, \$7. [Register Here](#) or call 952-227-1400.

- **9:00am Breakfast is served!** All-you-can-eat pancakes, side of sausage, fruit, juice, coffee. **9:45am, Veterans thanked** with a photo taken.
- **10:00am Speaker:** Take a fascinating look at the history Carver County and the Civil War, presented by Carver County Historical Society. Listen to letters written home by soldiers on the front lines, among other photos of relics from that era.

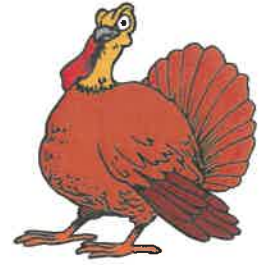
Butterball's Turkey Talk-Line has been operated by Butterball since 1981 to help people prepare the perfect turkey feast for their Thanksgiving meal. Here are some of the more original calls they have fielded over the years. Enjoy!



- People call in to see if they can pop popcorn in the turkey's cavity during the roasting process – the answer is, “No, you can't!”
- One lady called the hotline to complain that her Butterball turkey had no breast meat. Turns out, she had placed her turkey on the table upside down!
- One guy wanted to know if he could carve the bird with his chainsaw and whether or not the oil from the chain would adversely affect the taste of the bird!
- One young mother had failed to notice that her children had used the turkey's cavity as a toy car garage. Unfortunately, she discovered this after the turkey had been roasted.
- Others have tried to clean their turkey with a steel scouring pad and wanted to know how to get the metal pieces out of the bird.
- One woman decided to thaw her turkey in the bathtub while soaking her kids
- A lady in Arkansas, had her five-pound turkey in the oven 24 hours and wanted to know if the hotline helpers thought it was done yet!
- An Alabama man discovered a frozen turkey in his dad's freezer from 1969 and wondered about the best way to cook the 30+ year old bird. The hotline helpers suggested he buy a new bird.
- A lady from Colorado (or it could also happen in Minnesota) called about how to thaw her frozen turkey. She had stored it in a snowbank outside and it snowed over night and now she couldn't find it!
- A first-time Thanksgiving chef called in to say that she had successfully thawed her turkey and was continuing to rinse the turkey – with dish soap! Now she couldn't figure out how to make the turkey stop sudsing.



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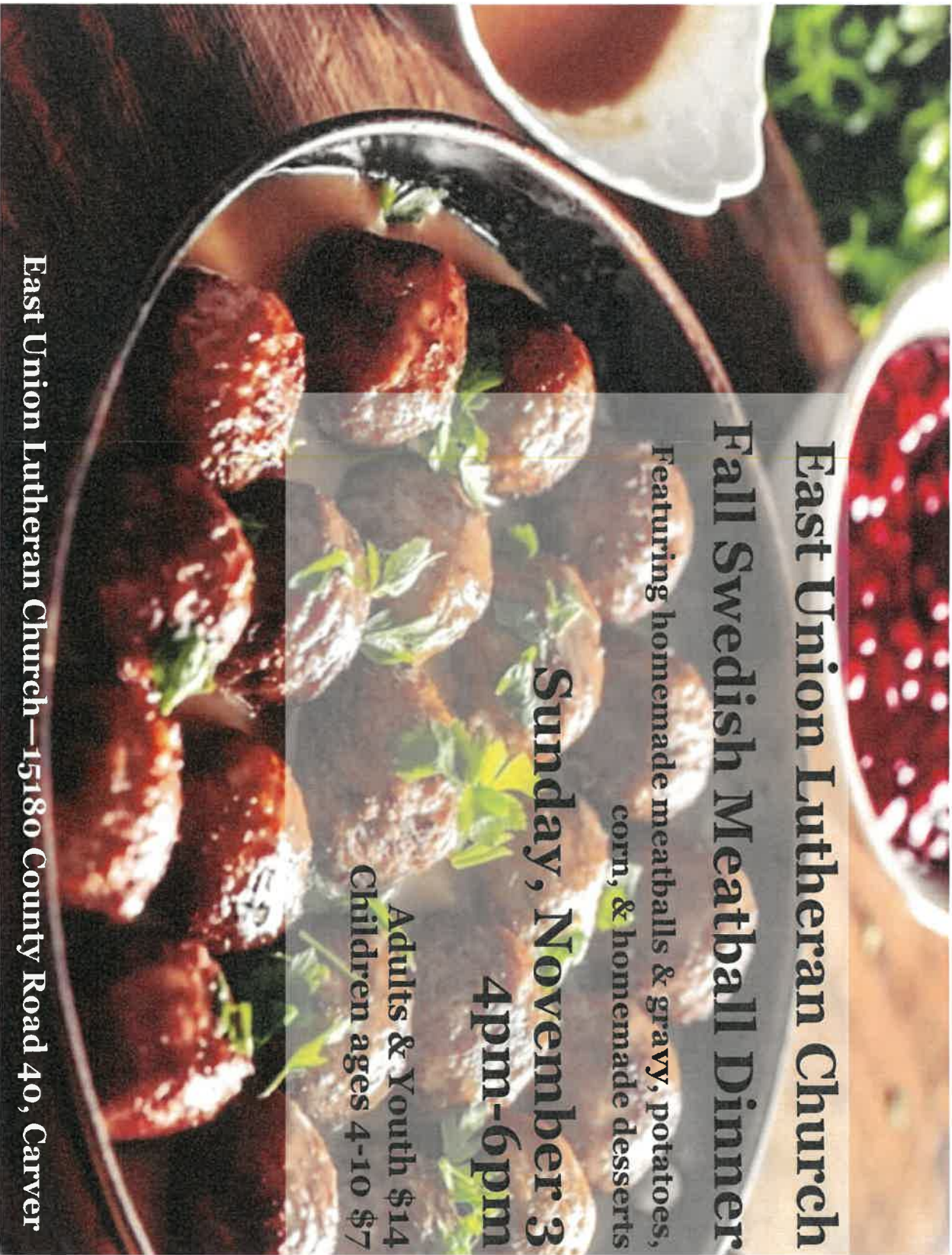
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Fall Swedish Meatball Dinner

Featuring homemade meatballs & gravy, potatoes, corn, & homemade desserts

**Sunday, November 3
4pm-6pm**

Adults & Youth \$14
Children ages 4-10 \$7

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